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The Honorable Tom Vilsack Secretary of Agriculture 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington DC 20250-0003

Dear Secretary Vilsack:

Due to the impact of excessive rain and flooding in many areas of North Carolina in recent months, I am writing to request disaster designations for the following counties:

Camden Currituck Greene Orange Washington
Carteret Durham New Hanover Pasquotank
Craven Granville Onslow Pender

USDA Loss Assessment Reports (LARs) from the affected counties reflect a 30 percent or greater loss of at least one major crop. Significant losses have been reported in soybeans and cotton due to conditions being too wet to harvest. The 2010 wheat crop has also been affected, with many areas being too wet to plant or with newly planted areas suffering damage from the rains.

A disaster designation is a key step in making emergency loans available to our farmers whose crops and livelihoods have been impacted by these extreme weather conditions. I appreciate your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Bev Perdue